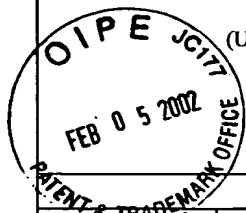


Form PTO-1449
(REV. 8-83)US Dept. of Commerce
PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICEATTY DOCKET NO.
111094APPLICATION NO.
09/987,118

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

(Use several sheets if necessary)

APPLICANTS
Takahiko NOMURA et al.FILING DATE
November 13, 2001

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS

RECEIVED
FEB 07 2002
Technology Center 2100

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB CLASS
BC	1	JP A 7-319970 w/ abstract	12/08/1995	Japan		

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

BC	2	Etienne C. Wenger et al., "Communities of Practice: The Organizational Frontier", Harvard Business Review, pp. 139-145, Jan. - Feb. 2000
BC	3	Dr. Francis Duffy, "The New Office", Antique Collectors' Club, Ltd., pp. 60-67
BC	4	"Management of Knowledge Assets", pp. 84-97

EXAMINER

Brian Gaddes

DATE CONSIDERED

4/16/2004

Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with M.P.E.P. 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.